

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the Action dated January 3, 2007, the Examiner stated that claims 1-16 were allowed but claims 24-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §251. Claims 24-27 and 28 were further rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,812,368 to Chen et al., and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Chen et al., respectively.

Claims 1-16 and 24-28 are currently pending. By this Amendment, claims 24-28 have been canceled. Therefore, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-16 will be pending.


As the rejected claims 24-28 have been canceled in this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining pending claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance.

As a result of these Amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the formal matters have now been addressed. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment so that this application may be passed quickly to issue.

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